

ANIMAL RIGHTS ACTIVISTS TARGET FISHING

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According to the Associated Press, the radical animal rights group People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) has targeted fishing as its new focus. The group hopes to discourage the catching and eating of fish. Their first plan is to disrupt sport-fishing tournaments, and they have announced that they will start with an Atlantic City-based tournament in August which has more than \$1 million in prize money. A spokesman said they may do things such as throw rocks to scare away fish and ride around in boats where people are fishing.

The Animal Rights movement is utterly nonsensical. No matter what philosophy of creation you have, it makes no sense. If you believe in a biblical creation, animal rights makes no sense because the Bible says the animals were made for man, not man for the animals. If you believe in evolution (as many PETA types do), you believe that man is simply another type of animal. If man is an animal, why can't he fish if he wants to? Bears fish. Sea lions fish. Eagles fish. Sharks fish. And don't tell me that animals eat all of the fish they kill. They don't. Sometimes they kill fish just for the fun of it. Why doesn't PETA go after those pesky sea lions at Seattle's Ballard Locks. They are slaughtering hundreds of steelhead salmon, and many of the fish they kill are left uneaten. Down with those cruel-hearted sea lions! Up with steelhead salmon rights!

I believe fish have one right: They have the right to make every attempt not to be caught by that nasty old fisherman!